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Senate advances US budget bill, shutdown threat remains

WASHINGTON (AFP) - With the clock ticking toward a possible US government shutdown, the US Senate voted unanimously Wednesday to advance a stopgap spending bill that would avoid federal closures.

The 100-0 vote masks deep divisions within Congress over what course to take in the next five days to thrash out a temporary measure that funds government operations beyond Monday, the final day of the current fiscal year.

The Senate now begins debate on a measure, originally passed by the Republican-led House of Representatives, that funds government at current levels through December 15, but which also strips President Barack Obama's three-year-old health care law of all its funding.

The Senate's Democratic majority leader Harry Reid has vowed to strip the bill of the health care provision, insisting that no legislation that defunds so-called "Obamacare" will pass his chamber.

Reid said he will also amend the budget bill to fund government until November 15 instead of mid-December.

The Senate is on track to

pass its legislation by "some-time on Sunday," Reid said, leaving the House 48 hours or less to either pass the amended bill or send a re-worked counteroffer back to the Senate.

"I would hope we can expedite this," Reid said, referring to possible agreement by Republicans to compress the time needed before the next procedural vote.

"We have a lot to do and I hope we can get there as quickly as we can."

If no spending agreement is reached, government agencies would begin shutting their doors Tuesday, and hundreds of thousands of federal workers would be ordered to stay home with no pay.

But in a sign of the divisive nature of the debate, conservative Senator Ted Cruz took to the Senate floor beginning Tuesday for an extraordinary, 21-hour speech railing against Obamacare as "the biggest job killer in this country."

"The American people want to stop this madness, and so do I," Cruz said.

Many Republicans have expressed opposition to the strategy, warning it could backfire and not leave the House enough time to consider the Senate measure.

New Venue set-up begins this Friday! Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2013 is just around the corner!



Set to take place over Columbus Day Weekend, Friday and Saturday, October 4 & 5, is Aruba's Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, now in its sixth year.

Founder of the CSJF, Erik Jan Eman, explained that since the event has grown so greatly in popularity, they have moved to a larger venue and will deploy the Renaissance Marketplace in Oranjestad for this year's festival.

Island press were welcomed for a tour of the venue, to explain the logistics of this change of location. The main entry to the water-side of the Renaissance Marketplace will be closed to cars, and area will be devoted to the stages and seating. Three stages, the Divi, Padu and Purple, will be hosting

performances throughout each evening.

The Divi Stage is the bandstand in the courtyard of The Plaza Cafe and Casa Tua. Close to the water behind this stage is where Stage Padu will be located, and the huge parking lot adjacent to it will be set up for the audience.

Inside the convention center will be the Purple Stage, and adjacent, in the Renaissance Fiesta Garden, will be the popular food court and beverage stands. The lane that is usually the exit for the Renaissance Marketplace will be converted into a two-way lane allowing access to the parking lot adjacent to Wilhelmina Park. An arrangement has been made for the large parking lots next to the Plaza Turismo across

from Talk of the Town Resort, and the other parking areas of the Linear Park to be used for the festival over those two nights. A fleet of trams will be traversing the bike paths regularly to transport concert goers from their cars to the Renaissance Marketplace.

Confirmed headliners for Friday's concerts will be El Gran Combo from Puerto Rico, Willy Garcia (from Grupo Niche), Giovanca and Levi Silvanie.

Taking the stage on Saturday evening will be jazz icon George Benson, Jose James, Groove Hunters, Gualao, Luci & The Soul Brokers and Bearded Man. After parties with the artists jamming until the wee hours will be held at Chaos Cafe, across the street.

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Introducing Jeffrey E. Vincent consul of Haiti in Aruba



The Consular Corps of Aruba consists of career consuls and honorary consuls. Some are stationed on Aruba and others are stationed in the region or in Europe with accreditation and jurisdiction for Aruba. In the cases where consuls are stationed in the region, they make visits to Aruba to conduct business here several times during the year. Today, we introduce the Consul of Haiti stationed on Aruba.

Personal and professional profile of the Consul of Haiti, Mr. Vincent

Mr. Vincent was born and educated in Haiti. He later did advance studies at California State University in Northridge, Los Angeles, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Business Management. He later attended Riverside School of Pharmacy for two years. In 2000 he returned to Haiti to work in his family business and to also set up his own business. Due to turbulent circumstances in Haiti, he and his family moved to Florida where he studied International Relations, an area he was always very interested in. His desire to serve his country led him back to Haiti and to join the diplomatic world in 2011 as Vice Consul

in Santo Domingo.

In June 2013, the government of Haiti decided to appoint Mr. Vincent as Consul for Haiti to Aruba as a result of the bilateral dialogue between the government of Aruba and the government of Haiti on a political level.

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Message of the Consul of Haiti:

It is with great pride and honor that I am here in Aruba to serve as Consul of Haiti. I am very grateful that this honor has been bestowed upon me by the Haitian government and I thank the Aruban government for allowing us to be here. I would like to extend my thanks to the Aruban people, and the Haitian community for their kindness and the warm welcome. I am determined to collaborate in all facets with the Aruban officials so that my presence here be beneficial to us both. I am hoping to work in collaboration with the private sector as well as in order to explore the various business opportunities and exchanges which are possible between the two countries.

I believe that many doors will open and the horizon will be broadened between our two nations.

I look forward to assisting the Haitian community by providing them with an extensive list of consular services which they so desperately need. The Consulate General's goal is to assist and serve the Haitian community. Our doors are always open and we are always eager to help. The Haitian community is no longer without representations in Aruba, you now have your own Consulate General!



Pointers to Ponder?

Tony A.D. Green www.people-self-development.com



The Count Down to Election Day is On!

The traditional car parades are behind us! We managed to live through that campaign tradition. What exactly is the primary purpose of the car parades I could ever figure out. Except for the fact that it appears to be a type of measuring the popularity of one party over the other. The number of cars and fans could mean one is more popular than the other, but if that translates into votes is very questionable.

Now...we are setting our eyes on the voting booths already assigned to voters in every segment of the community. Like obedient, law abiding citizens everyone eligible to vote will head over to their assigned voting booth on Friday.

Aruba traditionally has never had any serious incident of misconduct or misdemeanor on voting day. We are a calm and passive people who respect law and order and the rights and privileges of others.

Election is a time for us to freely express our preferences and vote for those persons in whom we can put our trust and confidence. Our vote is sacred and we take our privilege to vote seriously and conscientiously. On Friday we will elect new Parliamentarians, men and women who have pledged to work for the welfare and benefit of all. We pray for wisdom from God to vote our conscience and to do so as objectively as possible.

Those from other countries who stand by and watch how we elect our officials



must be impressed with our civility and respect. We want that all observe how well we behave and conduct this kind of important business. Democracy is very much alive in Aruba and we pride

ourselves in being a one happy island! I wish everyone a happy and blessed election day!

Any comments, write to me at: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com.

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Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival 2013...

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Jazz Festival Team



George Benson

The convention center will also house the famous CSJF Art Show, with Curators on the Go Michi Takatsu and Eduardo Valbuena. This year they will again raffle art and have an auction, and noted local artists will all contribute the real-time creation of the piece that will be the raffle prize.

Erik Jan Eman reminded media that are special subsidized tickets for island youth, to stimulate interest in the fine art of interpretive music, through UNOCA, the FDEC and Skol di Arte in San Nicolas. Students 18 and under can purchase these special tickets for 10 Aruban florins at those art centers.

The concerts may be taking place over the weekend, but as is tradition, informal, free, warm up events will be conducted with the various visiting performers at venues around the island. Beginning at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 1, music lovers can enjoy the Rufo Wever School of Music band at the Divi Stage next to The Plaza Cafe. On Wednesday, Sazon Cubano will begin performing at Arawak Gardens in Palm Beach at 7:30 PM. Thursday, Luci & The Soul Brokers will heat things up at

MooMba Beach, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Concert tickets are available online at <http://www.caribbeanseajazz.com/> as well as Superfood, Cliffix Music, Espiga de Oro, Gallo Rojo, De Palm Tour Hotel Desks, Plaza Book Shops, Wema and MooMba Beach Bar & Restaurant.

By Rosalie Klein



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Liquor sales on Aruba to cease tonight until after elections



As Aruba's "Dry Laws" dictate, the sale of liquor in package stores, supermarkets, cafes, restaurants and bars, will be prohibited beginning this evening at 6:00 PM. This ban on liquor sales will continue through tomorrow, Election Day, and cease at 6:00 AM on Saturday morning, September 28.

This law will be enforced

by Aruba's police department with vigor, to guarantee a peaceful election day, free of incident fueled by excessive alcohol consumption.

Restaurants and lounges in resorts will be serving alcoholic beverages and cocktails to non-residents only, as will the establishments and shops in the departure area of the Reina Beatrix International Airport, beyond the check in point.

Island officials and the police apologize for the inconvenience to our vacationing visitors, but this has been government policy for several years. They appreciated everyone's patience and cooperation.



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Work commences on the Aruba Solar Park at the Reina Beatrix International Airport



Rendering of Solar Park

It was déjà-vu for island officials and media as they gathered at the Reina Beatrix International Airport on Tuesday, September 24, to officially announce that work will begin on the Aruba Solar Park to be situated in the airport parking lot.

Announced originally in April, paperwork snafus had postponed the actual work, but now the project is back on track. Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman was welcomed by the Director of Operation of the Aruba Airport Authority, Jurgen Benschop, for the informal ceremony.

Traffic at the airport will be somewhat inconvenienced for a short time; projected com-

pletion for the project, which should be in full swing in a week or two, is around four months. The parking facility will be closed down in sections as the work progresses, but an area that was formally reserved for busses, to the right of the entrance, will be used to handle any overflow.

The project tender was made public in 2011 and Pfixx Solar NL has been awarded the contract for the design and construction of the park, which can provide 3.5 MW of energy, enough to power at peak performance 2,000 homes. When completed, it will be the largest photovoltaic carport in the Caribbean.

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US, biggest exporter, signs landmark UN arms treaty

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - US President Barack Obama's administration signed a UN treaty Wednesday to track exports of firearms and other conventional weapons, offering a major boost to the pact despite opposition at home.

The United States is the world's largest exporter of conventional arms, accounting for 30 percent of the \$90 billion global industry. The landmark treaty aims to curb weapons shipments to extremists and conflict areas.

Secretary of State John Kerry, signing on behalf of the United States in an oversized book at the UN headquarters, called the treaty a

"significant step" for global peace efforts.

"This is about keeping weapons out of the hands of terrorists and rogue actors," Kerry said.

"This treaty strengthens our security and builds global security without undermining the legitimate international trade in conventional arms," he said.

The Senate needs to ratify the treaty, which has quickly galvanized US conservatives who are deeply suspicious of both gun regulations and the United Nations.

"This treaty will not diminish anyone's freedom," Kerry said.

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The solar park will consist of 14,000 solar modules, each of 250 kw peak. It 24,000 square meter garage when completed, consisting of seven sections. The canopies will increase gradually in height from east to west by 8 degrees to provide the most efficient utilization of the sun's path, with a difference

of 2.5 meters from start to finish. Capability is possible for 3.5 MW at peak production, or 6.5 million KW hours.

Albo NV was awarded the construction contract of this unique project. Albo CEO Folkert van der Woude expressed how pleased and proud they are to be involved

in what will be a showcase for Aruba. Minister of Finance, Telecommunications, Utility and Energy, Mike de Meza, commented that within sight of where they stood were two abundant resources of "clean" renewable energy, the sun and tropical seas, and the very windy afternoon further attested to



Aruba's diversity of green energy sources. He looked forward to more such events to inaugurate projects to take advantage of these important assets, and the price of fuel oil will be rising to such extremes they could eventually crush a small island economy as Aruba, unless it replaces its need for fossil fuels with other sources of energy.

Jurgen Benschop stated that this joint project with Elmar N.V., the national distributor of electricity, and

Pfixx, is in keeping with the airport's sustainability policies, and should make it self-sufficient regarding the facility's operational energy needs.

Finally, Prime Minister Mike Eman was joined by all the parties involved in toasting another project that will take Aruba to the present government's stated mission of seeing the island 100% sustainable by 2020.

By Rosalie Klein

International News

Pakistan quake death toll surges above 300



AWARAN (AFP) - Desperate villagers in southwest Pakistan clawed through the wreckage of their ruined homes Wednesday, a day after a huge earthquake struck, killing more than 300 people and creating a new island off the coast.

The 7.7-magnitude quake hit on Tuesday afternoon in Baluchistan province's remote Awaran district -- a dirt-poor expanse of land that is roughly the size of Wales.

At least 328 people have been confirmed dead and more than 450 injured, according to the Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) and the Baluchistan government.

In the village of Dalbedi, the earthquake -- Pakistan's deadliest since the devastating Kashmir quake of 2005, which killed 73,000 -- flattened some 250 houses, an AFP photographer said.

Bewildered villagers dug with their hands through the rubble of their mud houses in Dalbedi to retrieve what was left of their meagre possessions.

Their simple houses destroyed, they used rags, old clothes, sheets and branches to shelter their families from the sun.

Farmer Noor Ahmed, 45, said the strong tremors lasted for two minutes and turned buildings in the village into piles of mud.

"We have lost everything, even our food is now buried under mud and water from underground channels is now undrinkable because of excessive mud in it due to the earthquake," he told AFP.

Jan Muhammad Buledi, spokesman for the Baluchistan government, gave the death toll and told AFP it was likely to rise as rescue teams reach more villages in the area, which has been rattled by more than a dozen aftershocks.

More than 300,000 people had been affected by the quake across six districts -- Awaran, Kech, Gwadar, Panjgur, Chaghi and Khuzdar -- he said.

"People are still trapped under the rubble but it is a huge disaster and it will take time to reach and rescue all the people," he said.

PDMA official Ahmad Nawaz confirmed the death toll and said the injured numbered 498.

The authorities have prioritised finding the injured and getting them to hospital, but the task is hampered by the area's remoteness and the limited infrastructure.

They are also trying to provide tents to shelter the thousands left homeless.

The army has rushed medical staff and troops to the devastated area to help with rescue efforts, along with seven tonnes of food and a tonne of medicine.

Some of the injured were being treated in hospital in Karachi. A man who gave his name as Hassa, from a village in Awaran, more than 250 kilometres away, described the moment the quake hit.

"My house swung to one side and then it swung another and then all of it caved in. When I regained my senses I was in Awaran hospital," said

Hassa, who was later taken from there to Karachi. "I don't know whether my children and other members of my family are alive or not."

The scale of the territory involved is daunting. Awaran's population is scattered over an area of more than 21,000 square kilometres (8,000 square miles).

Baluchistan makes up about 45 percent of Pakistan's area but is the country's least populated and least developed province. The area is also rife with separatist and Islamist militants as well as bandits.

Tremors were felt on Tuesday as far away as New Delhi and even Dubai in the Gulf, while people in the Indian city of Ahmedabad, near the border with Pakistan, ran into the streets in panic.

Tuesday's quake caused a new island to appear close to the coastline at Gwadar, prompting astonished locals to rush to the shore to take a look.

Experts said a similar small island appeared at the same place in the sea after a major quake in 1945 but disappeared after some time. They expect the same to happen this time.

Baluchistan, Pakistan's largest province, is believed to have substantial gas and oil reserves, but it is a flashpoint for growing sectarian violence and has suffered attacks by Taliban militants.

It also faces an ongoing separatist insurgency which began in 2004 when Baluch rebels rose up to demand a greater share of profits from the province's mineral resources.



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Dutch police close shops after 'bloodbath' tweet threat

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch police closed two department stores and a restaurant in the city of Haarlem on Wednesday after someone tweeted threats of a "bloodbath".

Armed police were deployed outside V&D shops and a restaurant in the city to the west of Amsterdam after "threatening tweets" were made, police said in a statement.

The tweets were made on Tuesday night saying there would be a bloodbath at a V&D shop on Wednesday at

11:50 am, with at least 10 dead, Dutch media reported.

The author of the tweets said he or she would carry out the attack in retaliation for being fired, presumably from a V&D shop.

Police said that the tweet and the user's twitter account had disappeared and that they were trying to identify the sender.

Several other shops in Haarlem decided to shut down while others remain open, police tweeted, as a police helicopter flew over the city.

Print newspapers could become 'luxury': Amazon chief

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - Amazon chief executive and new Washington Post owner Jeff Bezos said Wednesday that print newspapers could one day become a luxury item.

"Some day, I don't know how many years in the future -- it could be decades -- but I think printed newspapers on actual paper may be a luxury item," Bezos told NBC in an interview. "People still have horses but it's not their primary way of commuting to the office," Bezos added.

Bezos was questioned on whether he envisions a day when the Washington Post,

which he bought in August, is no longer printed.

The Amazon founder shook up the media world when he announced last month the \$250 million purchase of the Post, ending decades of control by the Graham family that included the newspaper's history-changing coverage of the Watergate scandal and other giant stories.

Bezos said in a recent interview that he is eager to experiment with new techniques to win reader loyalty in the digital era, as he tries to reverse the Post's decline and restore it to profitability.



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Canadian doctor makes posthumous assisted suicide plea



OTTAWA (AFP) - A Canadian microbiologist who reassured a frightened nation during the 2003 SARS crisis, ignited a controversial debate with a posthumous plea on Wednesday for assisted suicide.

Dr. Donald Low of Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital passed away on September 13 at age 68, seven months after being diagnosed with a brain stem tumor.

Eight days before his death, he recorded a video -- just released on YouTube -- pleading for Canada's laws to be changed, so that he and other terminal patients could choose the time and manner of their death.

Doctor-assisted suicide is illegal in Canada.

"I'm going to die. What worries me is how I'm going to die," he says in the video, describing his failing health.

"Am I going to end up

being paralyzed and have to be carried from the bathroom to the bed, am I going to have trouble swallowing... what the end is going to look like, that's what is bothering me the most."

He noted that palliative care made death "a bit easier to face," but could not take away his symptoms.

Low in the video was critical of opponents of assisted suicide, and said it was an option he would have availed himself of, had it been legal.

"I wish they could live in my body for 24 hours and I think they would change their opinion. I'm just frustrated not being able to have control over my own life, not being able to make the decision for myself when enough is enough.

"Why make people suffer for no reason when there's an alternative. I just don't understand," he said.

A spokeswoman for Canadian Justice Minister Peter MacKay said the government has no plans to reconsider the issue, reminding that a majority of parliamentarians voted in 2010 to maintain the status quo.

"The laws surrounding euthanasia and assisted suicide exist to protect all Canadians, including those who are most vulnerable, such as people who are sick or elderly or people with disabilities," said MacKay's press secretary Paloma Aguilar.

Low's plea comes 20 years after the Supreme Court rejected the legal challenge of one terminally ill patient Sue Rodriguez's against physician-assisted suicide.

Since then, several more challenges have been filed across the country.

A court in westernmost British Columbia last year struck down the ban calling it discriminatory, disproportionate and overbroad. The federal government is appealing the ruling.

Quebec unveiled in June a proposed law to allow doctor-assisted suicide, expected to be passed into law in the coming months, bumping up against the federal criminal law.

Low's video ends with a message: "He did not have the death he had hoped for, but he died in his wife's arms and he was not in pain." "But I can tell you that was not a dignified death that he died."

Pollution deadlier than road accidents in Sao Paulo



SAO PAULO (AFP) - Air pollution kills more people annually than road accidents in Sao Paulo, Brazil's most populous city which will host the opening game of the 2014 World Cup, a study found. The survey by the Health and Environment out Tuesday said at least 4,655 people died from pollution-related ailments in the city which is home to 11 million, compared with 1,556 killed in crashes. With four million vehicles clogging the city streets every day, pollution was also a bigger killer than breast cancer and AIDS, it added. With a total population of 42 million, the state of Sao Paulo is also Brazil's most populous and the annual average of pollutants in the air reaches 20 to 25 micrograms per cubic meter, much higher than the 10 micrograms tolerated by the World Health Organization.

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Swiss court paves way for Duvalier millions to return to Haiti

GENEVA (AFP) - A Swiss court confirmed Wednesday the confiscation of millions of dollars in frozen bank accounts belonging to former Haitian dictator Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, clearing the way for the money to be returned to Haiti.

The Swiss Federal Administrative Court upheld a bid by Bern to confiscate more than \$5 million (four million euros) in Swiss accounts opened by Duvalier and his entourage during his 15 years in power.

The legal case to return the money to Haiti was "valid because the assets in question had been obtained illicitly," the appeals court said in a state-

ment, noting that "the level of corruption (in Haiti) was notoriously high" during the Duvalier years.

The restitution procedure can now begin, it added.

Duvalier and his followers are accused of plundering hundreds of millions of dollars of state funds during his reign, which ended when he was toppled in 1986.

Ever since, a number of Swiss accounts have remained frozen, leading to a protracted court battle with the holders.

The Swiss government ordered in 2002 that the freeze on Duvalier's assets be maintained, and the finance ministry moved two years ago to confiscate the money and return it to Haiti.

Swiss officials have said they want the money to be used for projects to tackle poverty in the island nation.

The court had earlier this week rejected moves by the former dictator's entourage to get the freeze lifted, ruling that it "was necessary to preserve Swiss interests".

Duvalier, who returned to Haiti from his exile in France two years ago, still has the option of appealing both rulings to Switzerland's supreme court.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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FINANCE

US stocks end lower amid budget anxiety

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks ended a volatile day lower as investors remained cautious over the lack of progress in Washington budget talks.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 61.33 (0.40 percent) at 15,273.26.

The broad-based S&P 500 dipped 4.65 (0.27 percent) to 1,692.77, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index declined 7.15 (0.19 percent) to 3,761.10.

Stocks veered in and out of positive territory in a narrow range throughout the day.

Investors are concerned because of an October 1 deadline for Congress to fund the US government. Failure to reach a deal could force parts of the government to shut down.

"It's very difficult for the market to go up from here with all the shenanigans in Washington," said Mace Blinksilver, director at Marblehead Asset

Management.

JPMorgan Chase was by far the best-performing company in the Dow, rising 2.7 percent, amid reports that it could pay \$11 billion to settle a range of regulatory issues.

Though large, such a payout would remove some uncertainty overhanging the giant bank.

Walmart fell 1.5 percent following a Bloomberg News report that it was cutting some orders with suppliers to address rising inventories and lower sales. Walmart said the report was inaccurate.

Struggling department store chain JC Penney tumbled 15.0 percent after a Goldman Sachs report on the company's cash position raised the possibility of a bankruptcy filing in light of tough business conditions.

Stryker, a medical technology company, fell 2.9 percent after announcing a \$1.65 billion acquisition of Mako Sur-

gical Group, which specializes in robotic-assisted surgery in orthopedics. Mako surged 82.2 percent.

Online retail giant Amazon slipped 0.5 percent after unveiling a pair of new tablet devices. The company also released a new version of its Kindle Fire for \$139, down from \$199.

Cruise ship operator Carnival Corp. fell 5.3 percent after suffering analyst downgrades following weak results Tuesday. Morgan Stanley said it will take "at least two years" for the company's valuation to be attractive, given the weak business outlook following recent cruise mishaps.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury dropped to 2.61 percent from 2.65 percent, while the 30-year dipped to 3.65 percent from 3.67 percent Tuesday. Prices and yields move inversely

Budget debate: Wilders lashes out after Nazi supporter claims

DEN HAAG - Geert Wilders, leader of the anti-immigration PVV, and Alexander Pechtold of the Liberal democratic party D66 have clashed in parliament over Nazi salutes spotted at last weekend's PVV rally.

During the first of the two-day debate on the budget, Pechtold asked Wilders to distance himself from the far right.

During Saturday's PVV demonstration in The Hague, several people were seen to make Nazi salutes and were carrying a flag from the Dutch national socialist party NSB. There were also people present with convictions for anti-semitism.

tism.

"I am concerned," Pechtold said, before asking Wilders to comment.

Wilders refused to do so, and went on to call Pechtold a 'sad, miserable, hypocritical little man'.

Pechtold then pointed out that Wilders has been making approaches to nationalist parties such as Belgium's Vlaams Blok, the Lega Nord in Italy and France's Front National.

"How do you respond to Marine Le Pen's wish to see Jewish skull caps banned?" Pechtold said.

Wilders, who has made no secret of his efforts to form a

pan-European alliance with nationalist parties to fight next year's EU elections, again refused to comment. "I am not going to react," he said before stating that Pechtold 'is too miserable to merit taking seriously'.

Wilders went on to say he was proud of Saturday's demonstration and of everyone who attended.

"It goes without saying that the PVV and its thousands of supporters have nothing to do with extremism and anti-semitism. The PVV has nothing to do with that sort of idiocy," the PVV leader said.

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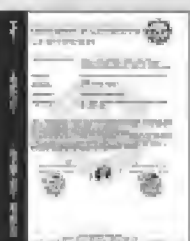
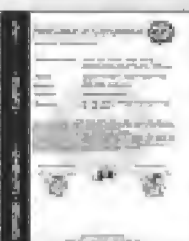
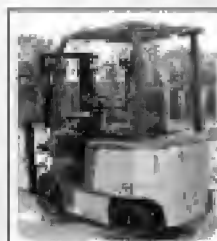
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La Linda Department Store-where Aruba shops!



Calman and Anna Hochman

--Though Aruba has its share of designer brand stores and shopping malls, ask almost any islander where they shop, and they will likely tell you "La Linda." Spread out over several specialty stores on the Caya Betico Croes, La Linda was Aruba's first and foremost department stores, where, for decades, one could find anything and everything, and after more than 70 years, still can make that claim.

It is also a distinctly family operation, with the personal touch and supervision of the Hochmans, who take their reputation for stocking "the best quality for the best price" very se-

riously. It all started with Calman Hochman, a Jewish Polish immigrant who opened his first small shop with his Aruban wife Anna, carrying "a little bit of everything that anyone could need." This was before WWII, when the present head of the company, Jaime, hadn't even been born yet. Many of their sales help have also been with the store for over two decades, and "it is very much like family here," he admits. Their loyal patrons also look forward to being helped by shop girls who have become friends, knowing they will get great and honest service.

To this day, La Linda is particularly known for its huge fabrics and notions department, the first destination for many on an island where making your own clothes is still an everyday practice. Without question, the store offers the greatest diversity of selection in nearly every department, and they have now consolidated them all into one store; four floors containing a wealth of choices in clothing for men, women and children, house wares, bedding, sporting goods, luggage, shoes, jewelry, decorative items and more.

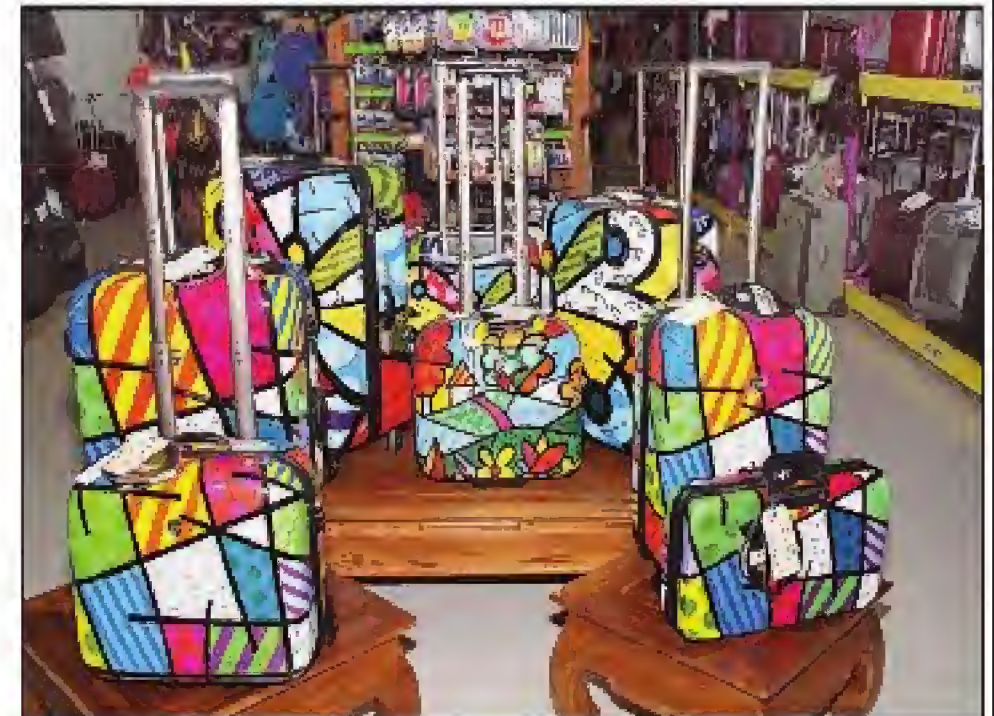
"The present store is a work in progress," asserts Jaime, as they continue to renovate and enlarge what had been only the men's store and warehouse in the past. Normally closed for a 2 hour lunch/siesta in the old island way, shoppers will soon find it open daily for the entire day, from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM, as they are on Saturday's, with a bright, charming eatery installed on the top floor.

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Tour promoter slams 'absurd' Jackson damages claim

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The promoters of Michael Jackson's doomed last tour slammed as "absurd" Wednesday a massive claim by his family for damages over the pop icon's 2009 death.

A lawyer for AEG Live, making his closing argument at the end of a five-month trial, said the promoter would never have funded the "This Is It" tour if it knew the star was playing "Russian roulette" with his own health.

On Tuesday, the Jackson family's lawyer, closing his own case in a Los Angeles courtroom, proposed a figure of \$290 million for non-economic damages, as well as an unspecified sum for economic damages.

Jackson lawyer Brian Panish cited accountants' analyses of Jackson's potential future earnings of between about \$900 million and \$1.6 billion, but said the jury would have to decide its own figure.

AEG Live's attorney Marvin Putnam said Wednesday a



claim on such scale was ridiculous.

"Their dollar amount is \$1.5 billion dollars. They kinda rushed through that," he said, referring to the studies cited by Panish the previous day, including in slides shown in court.

"I'm sorry, that's an absurd number. And they haven't even remotely proved it."

Jackson died on June 25, 2009 from an overdose of the anesthetic propofol at his rented mansion outside Los Angeles, where he was rehearsing for the "This is It" shows at London's O2 Arena.

He was 50 years old.

Dr Conrad Murray, a cardiologist, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in a criminal trial in 2011 for giving the drug to the star -- who suffered from chronic insomnia -- to help him sleep. Murray was jailed for four years.

In the civil trial, the singer's mother Katherine Jackson, 83, alleges that AEG Live negligently hired an inappropriate and incompetent doctor and missed a series of red flags about his failing health in the run-up to his death.

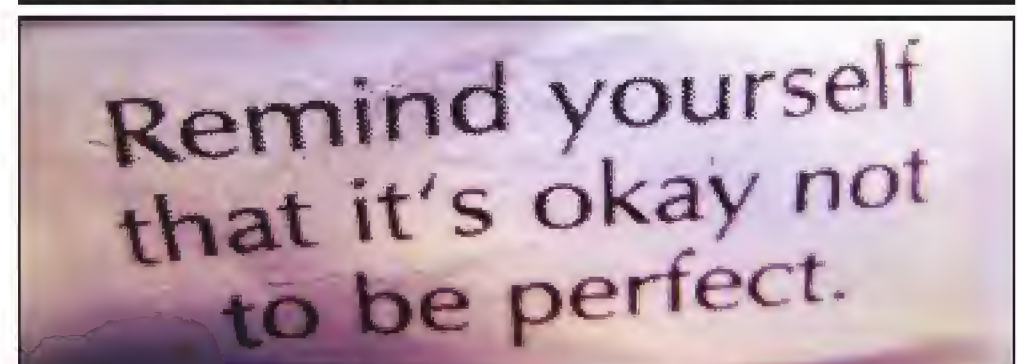
Referring to the nightly propofol infusions given to Jackson by Murray, the lawyer said: "AEG never would have agreed to finance this tour if it knew that Mr Jackson was playing Russian roulette in his bedroom every night."

Jackson was "responsible for his own health, certainly his own healthcare, and he's responsible for his own choices, no matter how bad those choices turn out to be," Putnam said.



Jesus was the world's first tweeter:

(AFP) - Jesus Christ was the world's first tweeter because his pronouncements were "brief and full of meaning", Vatican cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi said Wednesday. Christ "used tweets before everyone else, with elementary phrases made up of fewer than 45 characters like 'Love one another'", said Ravasi, the Vatican's equivalent of a culture minister. The cardinal emphasised the importance of clergy making full use of modern-day computer technology. The Vatican has stepped up its presence on the Internet in recent years, initially under Benedict XVI and now under Pope Francis, who has more than three million followers on Twitter in English alone. Francis has also resorted to more traditional media, cold-calling ordinary faithful who have written to him and writing lengthy letters on religious issues that have appeared in the Italian press.



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very



pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance

this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varela's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

They are open daily, for Dinner from 6.00p.m. to

11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

Football: Hernandez ruins Suarez's Liverpool return

LONDON (AFP) - Manchester United striker Javier Hernandez ruined Luis Suarez's long-awaited return from suspension as the Mexican clinched a 1-0 win against Liverpool in the League Cup third round on Wednesday.

Suarez was making his first appearance of the season following the completion of his 10-match ban for biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic in a Premier League clash last term.

But the controversial Uruguayan's presence in the Liverpool starting line-up wasn't enough to galvanise his team to victory at Old Trafford as Hernandez bagged the winner for United less than two minutes into the second half.

David Moyes's team were on course to bounce back from Sunday's painful 4-1 derby defeat at Manchester City, and also avenge a 1-0 loss against Liverpool in the league this season, when Wayne Rooney's corner picked out the unmarked Hernandez to volley home in the 46th minute.

Suarez, who had angered Liverpool with his failed attempt to engineer a move to Arsenal during his suspension, hit the bar with a free-kick in the closing stages and also went close when his powerful strike ripped the side-netting, but United held on to move into the fourth round.

League Cup holders Swansea suffered an embarrassing exit as Championship side Birmingham won 3-1 at St Andrews.

Michael Laudrup's side routed Bradford at Wembley last season to clinch the first trophy in the Welsh club's 100-year history.

But Laudrup made 10 changes from the line-up that beat Crystal Palace in the league on Sunday and their defence of the trophy ended at the first attempt.

On-loan Fulham centre-half Dan Burn headed Birmingham in front in the 57th minute before striker Matt Green, who was playing non-



Liverpool's Luis Suarez (L) is challenged by Manchester United's Rafael Da Silva

league football with Mansfield last season, got across his marker to slide in a Chris Burke cross four minutes later.

Tom Adeyemi added the third in the 81st minute and Wilfried Bony's stoppage-time strike was no consolation for Swansea.

Newcastle eased through with a 2-0 win over Championship side Leeds at St James' Park.

Leeds manager Brian McDermott was given his first break in coaching by Newcastle boss Alan Pardew when he was in charge at Reading in 2000.

But there was little chance of Pardew being so accommodating this time, even though the Magpies fielded a team featuring six changes.

The hosts went ahead when Senegal striker Papiss Cisse ended his 11-game goal-drought with a header from Shola Ameobi's cross in the 31st minute for his first goal since April.

And French midfielder Yoan Gouffran sealed the victory as he smashed in a powerful shot from the edge of the area for his first goal for the club in the 67th minute.

Stoke midfielder Stephen Ireland scored his first goal for the club in a 2-0 win over League One strugglers Tranmere Rovers

Rovers are currently 19th in the third tier with just one win so far this season and Mark Hughes' men were always in control at Prenton Park.

Former Liverpool and Tottenham striker Peter Crouch notched the second in the 90th minute.

Yachting: USA wins America's Cup in historic comeback

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Oracle Team USA clinched the America's Cup in a winner-take-all race over Emirates Team New Zealand Wednesday that capped an epic comeback destined for sports history books.

The defending champions crossed the finish 44 seconds ahead of challenger New Zealand, notching an unprecedented eight wins in a row and keeping possession of yachting's coveted prize with a 9-8 victory.

Cheers erupted from flag-waving fans on shore of San Francisco Bay and the US team exchanged hugs as the catamaran zipped past the pier next to the finish.

Billionaire yachtsman Larry Ellison, owner of the US team, hopped on board from a chase boat and took part in popping the champagne.

"When you've got a team like this around you, they make you look great," Oracle skipper Jimmy Spithill said.

The rivals crossed the start of Race 19 almost even, and the Kiwis slipped around the first marker with a lead as the American's flubbed the turn, dunking their bow.

New Zealand defended a narrow lead around the next marker and into the critical upwind third leg.

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TAMPA	88	69	.561	6.5	WASHINGTON	84	74	.532	9.5
YANKEES	82	75	.522	12.5	NY METS	73	85	.462	20.5
BALTIMORE	81	76	.516	13.5	PHILADELPHIA	72	85	.459	21.0
TORONTO	72	85	.459	23.5	MIAMI	58	100	.367	35.5
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	92	66	.582	--	ST. LOUIS	93	65	.589	--
CLEVELAND	87	70	.554	4.5	PITTSBURGH	91	67	.576	2.0
KANSAS	83	74	.529	8.5	CINCINNATI	90	69	.566	3.5
MINNESOTA	66	91	.420	25.5	MILWAUKEE	70	87	.446	22.5
CHICAGO	62	95	.395	29.5	CHICAGO	65	93	.411	28.0
West	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB
OAKLAND	94	64	.595	--	DODGERS	91	66	.580	--
TEXAS	86	71	.548	7.5	ARIZONA	80	77	.510	11.0
LA ANGELES	77	80	.490	16.5	SAN DIEGO	73	84	.465	18.0
SEATTLE	69	89	.437	25.0	SAN FRANCISCO	72	85	.459	19.0
HOUSTON	51	107	.323	43.0	COLORADO	72	86	.456	19.5

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The dramatic win culminated an epic rally by the Americans, who battled back from seven points down while the Kiwis were poised on match point.

The Kiwis struggled for seven days on match point, with victory staved off by Oracle and fickle winds that caused races to be postponed or abandoned.

Adding to New Zealand's frustration, it had solid leads in two races that were aban-

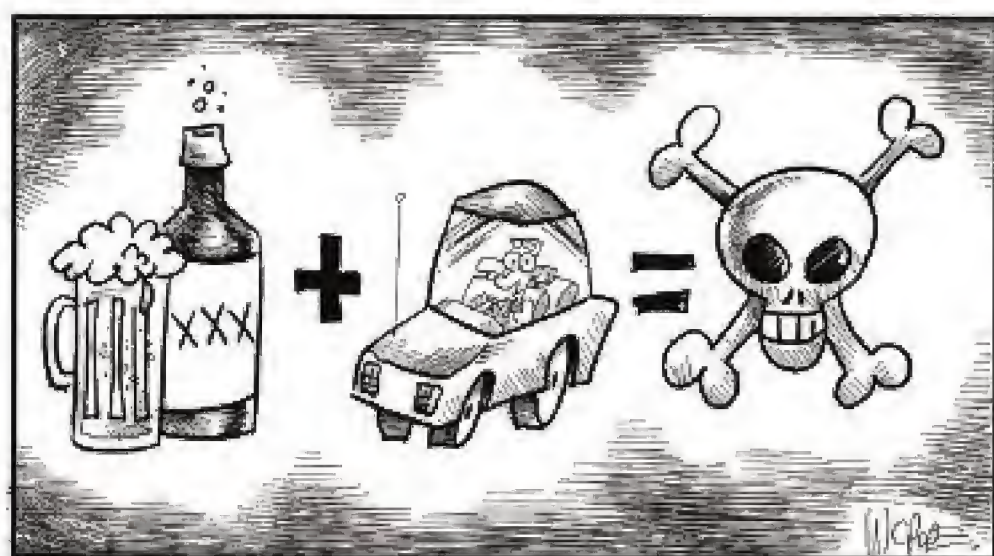
doned, one because of too much wind and another because of too little.

The regatta stretched to 19 days, the longest in the 162-year history of the America's Cup.

And with every day of the American comeback, crowds grew on the shoreline.

What had been a sea of New Zealand flags became a flood of fervent fans waving the stars-and-stripes.

For the first time in the regatta, the Cup park set up on a pier at the finish line was packed to the limit and those arriving close to the start were told to watch from elsewhere on the shoreline.



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boom represented Aruba in the youth games in Lima, Peru.

The government made funds available through the Lotto pa Deporte Foundation for all sports and for the development of our athletes. In a very responsible manner funds are made available to the federation that has the task of complying with certain requirements in order to receive financial support.



REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SEOUL (AFP) : Disgraced drugs cheat Ben Johnson gestures to an audience as he stands next to a 100 meters long anti doping petition on the sixth lane of a running track at the Seoul Olympic Stadium on Tuesday. Johnson returned to Seoul's Olympic Stadium, 25 years to the day of the steroid-assisted 100m final victory that destroyed his career and reputation.

MLB: Orioles' Machado sidelined 6-8 weeks

BALTIMORE (AFP) - Baltimore Orioles third baseman Manny Machado has suffered a torn knee ligament and will be out for six to eight weeks, the Major League Baseball team announced Tuesday.

Machado was carted off the field during Monday night's road game against the Tampa Bay Rays. The all-star's left knee buckled when he stepped awkwardly on first base.

The Orioles said Machado has a torn medial ligament.

Prior to the injury, Machado



had played 207 consecutive games since his major league debut last year.

MLB: Darvish fans nine in Rangers' win

DALLAS (AFP) - Japan's Yu Darvish struck out nine batters as the Texas Rangers stayed in the hunt in the race for the AL wild card berth by beating Houston 3-2 on Tuesday.

Adrian Beltre hit a go-ahead solo homer in the sixth inning for the Rangers, who have taken the first two meetings of this three-game series.

They remained one game adrift of the Cleveland Indians

for the second wild card spot with five contests to play.

Geovany Soto went two-for-four with an RBI in the win, which was credited to Neal Cotts for pitching a scoreless inning of relief behind Darvish in front of a crowd of 42,267 at Rangers Ballpark.

Darvish allowed four hits, two runs and walked four in 5 1/3 innings of work.

MLB: Tigers beat Twins to clinch playoff spot

MINNEAPOLIS (AFP) - The Detroit Tigers claimed a playoff berth and moved another step closer to clinching a division title by beating the Minnesota Twins 4-2 on Tuesday.

Detroit could have wrapped up the AL Central title with a victory and an Indians' loss, but Cleveland beat Chicago on a Jason Giambi home run in the ninth inning.

The Tigers' magic number to win the division is at one with four games left in the regular season.

Doug Fister was awarded

the victory after holding Minnesota to two runs while striking out seven over 6 1/3 innings.

Jackson and Torii Hunter each had three hits for the Tigers.

Tigers pitchers Bruce Rondon and Joaquin Benoit each struck out the side in the eighth and ninth innings. Benoit recorded his 23rd save of the season.

Twins pitcher Scott Diamond surrendered all four runs on nine hits in 6 1/3 innings of work to take the loss.

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NFL: Pizza- prompted crash gives Lions receiver broken arm



DETROIT (AFP) - Detroit Lions wide receiver Nate Burleson suffered a broken left arm in a one-car crash after being distracted by a slice of pizza falling off the front passenger seat.

Police said alcohol was not a factor in the early morning accident in which Burleson's car struck the center wall on Interstate 696. That took place as the 32-year-old was driving home after watching an NFL game Monday night with friends.

While the Lions confirmed the basic details of the crash, it was the Detroit Free Press that reported state police said it was pizza that fell off the seat to distract Burleson while ESPN confirmed which arm had suffered the injury, which will require surgery.

Burleson has 19 catches for 239 yards in three games, including six receptions for 116 yards in Detroit's 27-20 victory last Sunday at Washington. Last season, he played only six games after suffering a broken leg in October.

Ryan Broyles is expected to replace Burleson in the Lions lineup. He has three catches for 34 yards this season and is recovering from his second torn anterior cruciate knee ligament in two years.

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Woman rower lands in Alaska after solo Pacific crossing

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A 28-year old female adventurer has arrived in Alaska after rowing 4,315 miles across the northern Pacific, her support team said, the first person to make the solo crossing by rowboat.

Briton Sarah Outen arrived Monday at the sparsely populated Alaskan outpost of Adak in the Aleutian islands, after 150 days of rowing, often having to battle in rough ocean swells.

"Happy tears and tired muscles remembering this morning's row... to Alaska!" Outen

wrote in a Twitter post dated September 24, shortly after her arrival.

In another message later that day, @sarahouten wrote:

"Cried & grinned as I rowed final strokes to shore in Adak Port, welcomed by lovely locals to beautiful island."

Outen started her voyage in April in Choshi, Japan in her rowboat dubbed "Happy Socks."

The Japan-to-Canada voyage is just one leg of a journey during which Outen said she hopes to cycle, row and kayak



around the world.

She says she will travel some 20,000 miles in all to raise

money for various charities.

In addition to her Twitter feed, Outen has chronicled her

exploits at the website sarahouten.com.

In June of last year, she was forced to abandon a first attempt to row to Canada when she ran into a severe storm after about one month in the Pacific and had to be rescued by the Japanese coastguard.

The explorer said that after taking some time to rest and recover, she plans to bike 3,000 miles from western Canada to Nova Scotia before rowing back to Britain via the North Atlantic.